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SUBJECT: COST OF ELECTRICITY PRODUCTION USING CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES

REF: STATE 210477,

ANSWERS TO REFTEL AS FOLLOWS:

A. COST OF ELECTRICITY USAGE:

I. PRIVATE RESIDENCE - 8 US CENTS PER KWH FOR FIRST 300; 5 1/2 US CENTS PER KWH THEREAFTER.

II. GOVT. OFFICES, SHOPS, SCHOOLS, CHURCHES, HOSPITALS - 14 1/2 US CENTS PER KWH FOR FIRST 100; 8 US CENTS PER KWH THEREAFTER.

III. INDUSTRIAL - 8 US CENTS PER KWH FOR FIRST 500; 5 US CENTS PER KWH THEREAFTER.

B. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION - LESOTHO'S ENTIRE ELECTRICAL NEEDS ARE SUPPLIED BY THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA, MAINLY FROM THREE LOCATIONS WHICH AVERAGE ABOUT 90 MILES FROM THE LESOTHO BORDER. THE CAPITAL COST OF REPLICATING THIS GENERATING EQUIPMENT IN
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LESOTHO (WHICH IS RUN BY COAL) WOULD BE IN THE REGION OF 4.5 MILLION DOLLARS. FOR GAS OPERATION THE CAPITAL COST WOULD BE 6.7 MILLION DOLLARS, AND FOR DIESEL 8.9 MILLION DOLLARS. THE CAPACITY OF THE SYSTEM IS 15 MEGAWATTS. THE COST OF FUEL TO SUPPLY LESOTHO'S ANNUAL NEEDS IS AS FOLLOWS:

I. GAS - $3.7 MILLION

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II. DIESEL - $2.4 MILLION

III. COAL - $1.6 MILLION.
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